

and Maguire Energy Company. In 1991, Cary's company was given a permit by the city of Houston to drill near the banks of Lake Houston. However, when his crew began the project a city officer patrolling the area stopped the team, citing a city ordinance that prohibited drilling within 1,000 feet of the shore. The city revoked Maguire Oil's permit, and a lengthy court battle began.

The case was shuffled around for fourteen years as courts argued over jurisdiction and how to proceed. In 2009, a Harris County court-at-law awarded Maguire \$2 million in damages, plus \$2.2 million in interest. The City appealed this ruling before agreeing on a settlement, settling a lawsuit that spanned two trials, four appeals and the administrations of four mayors.

While acknowledging that the amount spent in legal fees exceeded the amount of the settlement, Cary stated that he continued the case because he thought it was important to defend the principle that while government has the right to take property for the public good, it does not have the right to do so without compensating the property owner.

Cary proceeded to donate the settlement money to found the Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility that bears his name at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, where he serves as Trustee Emeritus in recognition for his outstanding service to the University as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2000.

In addition to his founding grant to create the Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Cary also endowed a university-wide professorship in ethics at SMU. He has provided additional funds for programs and facilities in SMU's Edwin L. Cox School of Business, including the Maguire Energy Institute, the Maguire Chair in oil and gas management, and the Maguire Building housing undergraduate programs in the Cox School.

In 1995 he and his wife, Ann, were among the first recipients of SMU's Mustang Award honoring individuals whose longtime service and philanthropy have had a lasting impact on the University.

His national leadership positions include service on The National Petroleum Council, the Executive Committee of Mid-Continental Oil and Gas Association, and membership of the Madison Council of the Library of Congress, where he funded the Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History.

Mr. Speaker, Cary Maguire's professional and philanthropic contributions will have a lasting value not only in the great State of Texas, but our nation. He embodies many outstanding qualities that define the American spirit. As we adjourn the House of Representatives today, let us do so in appreciation of this American leader, Mr. Cary Maguire.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE EARL

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Charlie Earl for his exemplary record of public service to the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the people of Washington State.

Charlie Earl will retire on July 31, 2012, after more than 40 years of public service in the State's higher education system and a variety of government positions. He most recently served for 6 years as the executive director of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and 7 years

as president of Everett Community College. As the executive director, Charlie worked to increase public access to higher education while enhancing the quality of Washington State's career and technical education system. All the while, the past several years have seen the most difficult economic environment in Washington State's recent history. As our State budget tightened, spending on our community colleges decreased by 22 percent, but this did not stop Charlie from developing a vision for the State and leading toward it with energy, passion, and commitment.

While Charlie served as executive director, he propelled Washington's community and technical colleges to be among the most innovative in the country. Charlie's leadership supported the development and expansion of the Washington State student achievement performance award, opportunity grants, 4-year applied baccalaureate degrees, an open course library, and the Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training, I-BEST, Program. These changes allowed for many students to return to school to earn their diploma or certificate or learn new skills required of the 21st century workforce. The I-BEST Program challenges the traditional notion that students must complete all basic education before they can begin postsecondary education or training. This model allowed students to move through school, earn degrees, and join the skilled workforce faster and with less cost to the student, State, and Federal Government. I am not alone in seeing this as a revolutionary model in adult education. In 2011, the I-BEST Program was named a "Bright Idea" by Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and is being replicated in 20 other States. All of this would not have been possible if not for Charlie's leadership, advocacy, and stewardship of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Education and its staff.

During Charlie's tenure, enrollment increased at Washington's 34 colleges by 80,000 students. This was clearly no small feat. Washington State has also seen the largest increase in certificates and degrees since the community and technical college system began tracking this statistic. This was achieved not simply because more students are enrolling in career and technical education but because more students are reaching important academic goals and building momentum to finish their academic program. As you can clearly see, Charlie worked tirelessly to promote student access, and ensure all students are making timely progress towards their education and career goals. The achievements of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges during Charlie's tenure as executive director have been remarkable.

Charlie graduated from the University of Washington with a bachelor's

degree in finance and from Washington State University with a master of arts degree in political science. He serves as chair of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges, is a past president of the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges, and has been a board member of the Washington Council on Aerospace, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, Early Learning Advisory Council, Governor's Job Creation Subcabinet, and National Governors' Association Compete to Complete Advisory Group. Charlie's entrepreneurial spirit and unwavering commitment to student success will be sorely missed. I join with many in Washington State in congratulating Charlie on his achievements, and I look forward to seeing all that he will accomplish in his retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO HEATHER JELEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Heather Jelen, a legal intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past year.

Heather is a graduate of Bethel University in Saint Paul, MN. Currently, she is attending George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Heather for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

CONGRATULATING HUMAN EVENTS

● Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, Human Events, the nation's oldest conservative weekly publication, has been a staple of the post-war conservative movement. I want to congratulate Human Events on its many years of providing incisive coverage and on its recent relaunch. According to the publication's mission, Human Events "looks at events through eyes that favor limited constitutional government, local self-government, private enterprise and individual freedom. These were the principles that inspired the Founding Fathers." These are the values that have made and will continue to keep America great.●

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR JOSEPH C. ANSALDI

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the extraordinary, selfless, and faithful commitment of Monsignor Joseph C. Ansaldi to the Catholic Church. On Saturday, June 2, 2012, Monsignor Ansaldi will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Monsignor Ansaldi attended both a Catholic grammar school and a Catholic high school where he learned the